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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL: SUGGESTED TEXT OF
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. TEXT FOLLOWS OF SUGGESTED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
PRESIDENT SENGHOR:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

DURING OUR CONVERSATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON JUNE 8, 1978,
I INFORMED YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO
A MAJOR LONG-TERM EFFORT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF CYCLICAL
DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL REGION. TO DEMONSTRATE THIS COMMITMENT
TO THE PEOPLES OF THE SAHEL, I HAVE ASKED MY MOTHER, MRS.

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LILLIAN CARTER, TO BE MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING
HER VISIT TO THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA AND
MALI FROM JULY 24 TO AUGUST 2.

AS YOU KNOW, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN RURAL AGRI-
CULTURE FOR MANY GENERATIONS. WE HAVE PERSONAL
EXPERIENCE WITH THE HARDSHIPS THAT COME FROM DROUGHT

AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS. IT IS MY WISH, THEREFORE, THAT MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL WILL ENABLE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS WHICH THE SAHEL NATIONS ARE UNDERTAKING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RURAL POPULATIONS AND HOW THESE EFFORTS CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED AND REINFORCED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE TRAVELING WITH MISS LILLIAN THIS TIME. OUR CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON INCREASED MY DETERMINATION TO RETURN TO AFRICA AND TO VISIT SENEGAL. I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE SUCH A VISIT BEFORE THE END OF MY PRESENT TERM OF OFFICE. IN THE MEANTIME, I HOPE TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH YOU AND TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR WISE COUNSEL ABOUT AFRICA.
SINCERELY YOURS, JIMMY CARTER
COHEN

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